

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A folding knife, said folding knife comprising:
 - (A) a blade, said blade comprising:
 - (1) a first blade side, said first blade side comprising an angled bevel, said angled bevel comprising an angled bevel surface, said angled bevel surface comprising an angle relative to a centerline of said blade, wherein said angle is greater than zero degrees, wherein said angled bevel surface does not get sharpened, and the remaining surface of said first blade side may have a plurality of different shapes;
 - (2) a second blade side, said second blade side comprising a concave indentation laterally disposed along the second blade side, said second blade side further comprising a raised flat bevel, said raised flat bevel comprising a flat surface, wherein said flat surface substantially comprises a first portion of the centerline of the blade, said raised flat bevel is the only bevel that gets sharpened,
 - (3) a sharp edge, wherein the sharp edge is formed at an intersection of the angled bevel surface of the angled bevel and the flat surface of the raised flat bevel,
 - (4) a second edge, wherein said second edge opposes the sharp edge, wherein the centerline of the blade extends from the sharp edge of the blade to second edge of the blade, and
 - (5) a spacing detent disposed on the second blade side along the second edge of the blade, wherein the spacing detent comprises a spacing detent surface and wherein the spacing detent surface

substantially comprises a second portion of the centerline of the blade,
wherein said spacing detent surface serves as a guide for sharpening the
raised flat bevel;

(B) a blade housing comprising an interior and an exterior, said interior comprising a first interior side and a second interior side, wherein said first interior side faces the first blade side, and wherein the second interior side faces the second blade side;

(C) a folding element connecting the blade to the interior of the blade housing, wherein said folding element is operable for opening the blade out of the blade housing, and is operable for closing the blade into the blade housing; and

(D) a sharpening element comprising a first grinding surface, wherein the sharpening element is connected to the second interior side of the interior of the blade housing, wherein the first grinding surface of the sharpening element is parallel to the centerline of the blade, and is parallel to the flat surface of the raised flat bevel, when the blade is closed into the blade housing, wherein the first grinding surface of the sharpening element is adapted for grinding the flat surface of the raised flat bevel under a condition selected from a group consisting of:

- (1) as the blade is closed into the blade housing, and
- (2) as the blade is opened out of the blade housing.

2. (Previously Presented) The folding knife of Claim 1, wherein the blade is adapted for selective grinding of the flat surface of the raised flat bevel against the first grinding surface of the sharpening element under a selective grinding condition selected from the selective grinding condition group consisting of:

(1) as a closing pressure is applied to the blade to direct the flat surface of the raised flat bevel against the first grinding surface of the sharpening element as the blade is closed into the blade housing, and

(2) as an opening pressure is applied to the blade to direct the flat surface of the raised flat bevel against the first grinding surface of the sharpening element as the blade is opened out of the blade housing.

3. (Withdrawn) The folding knife of Claim 2, wherein the first sharpening surface element is stationarily connected to a first interior wall of the interior of the blade housing.

4. (Previously Presented) The folding knife of Claim 2, wherein the sharpening element is moveably connected to the second interior side of the interior of the blade housing.

5. (Withdrawn) The folding knife of Claim 2, wherein a first portion of the blade is serrated, wherein a first portion of the first sharpening surface element corresponds in position to the serrated portion of the blade, and wherein the first portion of the first sharpening surface element that corresponds in position to the serrated portion of the blade is contoured to sharpen the serrated portion of the blade.

6. (Withdrawn) The folding knife of Claim 5, wherein a second portion of the blade is non-serrated, wherein a second portion of the first sharpening surface element corresponds in position to the non-serrated portion of the blade, and wherein the second portion of the first sharpening surface element that corresponds in position to the non-serrated portion of the blade is contoured to sharpen the non-serrated portion of the blade.

Claim 7. Cancelled.

8. (Withdrawn) The folding knife of Claim 7, wherein the second sharpening surface element is stationarily connected to the second interior wall of the interior of the blade housing.

Claims 9-11. Cancelled.

Claim 12. Cancelled.

13. (Currently Amended) The folding knife of Claim 1, said folding knife further comprising:

a first blade sharpening element connected to the interior of the blade housing, wherein the first blade sharpening element comprises a grinding surface, wherein the first blade sharpening element is connected to the first interior wall so that the grinding surface of the first blade sharpening element is parallel to the flat bevel surface of the small raised flat bevel when the folding blade is closed in the housing, and wherein the grinding surface of the first blade sharpening element is disposed for grinding the flat bevel surface of the small raised flat bevel as the folding blade is closed into the housing or as the folding blade is opened out of the housing.

14. (Withdrawn) The folding knife of Claim 13, wherein the first sharpening element is stationarily connected to a first interior wall of the interior of the blade housing.

15. (Currently Amended) The folding knife of Claim 1, wherein the first sharpening element is moveably connected to a first interior wall of the interior of the blade housing.

16. (Withdrawn) The folding knife of Claim 14, wherein the first sharpening element has a flat sharpening surface and wherein said first sharpening element is connected to the first interior wall so that the flat sharpening surface of the first sharpening element is parallel to the small raised flat bevel of the hollow ground side of the folding blade when the folding blade is closed in the housing.

17. (Withdrawn) The folding knife of Claim 16, said angled bevel of said folding blade comprising:
- a serrated angled bevel portion; and
 - a non-serrated angled bevel portion.
18. (Withdrawn) The folding knife of Claim 16, said folding knife further comprising:
- a second sharpening element, said second sharpening element connected to a second interior wall of the interior of the blade housing.
19. (Withdrawn) The folding knife of Claim 18, wherein said second sharpening element is moveably connected to the second interior wall of the interior of the blade housing;
20. (Withdrawn) The folding knife of Claim 19, said angled bevel of said folding blade comprising:
- a serrated angled bevel portion; and
 - a non-serrated angled bevel portion.
21. (Currently Amended) The folding knife of Claim ~~12~~ 1 wherein the first side is convex.

Claim 22. Cancelled.

Claims 23-24. Cancelled.

Claim 25. Cancelled.

Claim 26. Cancelled.

27. (Withdrawn) A method of making a folding knife blade, said method comprising:

hollow grinding a flat side of a folding knife blade, said folding knife blade having an edge formed at an intersection between an angled bevel disposed on one side of the knife blade and the flat side of the knife blade;

said hollow grinding preserving a raised flat bevel at the edge-forming intersection between the angled bevel and the flat side of the knife blade, wherein the raised flat bevel has a height.

28. (Withdrawn) The method of making a folding knife blade of Claim 27, said method further comprising:

said hollow grinding further preserving a spacing detent disposed on the hollow ground flat side of the blade at an end of the blade opposing the blade edge, wherein the spacing detent has a height.

29. (Withdrawn) The method of making a folding knife blade of Claim 28, wherein the height of the preserved spacing detent is equal to the height of the preserved raised flat bevel.

30. (Original) The folding knife of Claim 1 wherein the sharpening element is removeably connected to the interior of the blade housing.

31. (Withdrawn) The folding knife of Claim 30 further comprising a locking means for locking the removable sharpening element in the interior of the blade housing.

32. (Withdrawn) The folding knife blade of Claim 22, said folding knife blade further comprising:

a sharpening alignment aperture.

33. (Previously Presented) The folding knife of Claim 1 wherein the sharpening element is removeably connected to the interior of the blade housing, wherein the sharpening element is rod-shaped, and wherein the sharpening element comprises a plurality of sharpening surfaces.